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Letters of the Cardinall of Granuelle.



It prouost my
Lorde the Pre-
late of Sainte
Clasiz brought
me your letters
of the 14. of Fe-
buarie, wherein
you yeelde mee
sufficient testi-

To the pro-
uost Morill
April, 1582.

monie of the saide Prelates sufficiencie
and good qualities, the which for the time
that I haue had heere to deale with him,
I finde to bee correspondent to your
wozds. I haue vsed him friendly, and haue
endeuored to make him good cheare. I
haue also writtē to the court, there to pro-
cure him some good entertainmēt. I am
sory y^e here we be some what dry, howbeit
we do (according as we ought) edeuor our
selues to winne credite with straungers,
at the least I will do the best I may, to let
them vnderstand of it. I haue also very
earnest.

earnestly preferred the sute of his brother
and of Secretary Vasseur and his father,
and that is all I can doe, being so farre
off. The matter is the lesse, seeing the
countie Egmond, and the L. of Cham-
pagney be yet in Gaue, notwithstanding
they be kept very straitly: for if they had
bin transported into Zealand, I feare we
should neuer haue had any good reconing
of the. If this wretched Drenge had died
of the blowe, there had been better hope
of their recouery. I remayne still in the
same feare as before: that is, that so long
as the saide Drenge may and shall beare
any sway, we shall hardly obtayne the de-
liverie of the sayde L. of Champagny.

His Maiestie hath written very ear-
nestly to my L. the prince of Parma: but
it was needelesse, considering howe fa-
uourably of his grace he assisteth vs. God
send vs shortly good newes, & graunt you
(my L. Pruiost) the accomplishment of
your desires: commending me hartily to
your good remembraunce.

From Madrill, this 19. of Aprill. 1582.

Your good brother and assured friend,
Ant,

Ball of Granvelle.

The superscription was.

To my Lord the pount of Ayre. Sir
Maximilian Morillon, great Arch-
deacon of Malines, my good bro-
ther and friend.

Sir pount, I haue no letter of yours To the same
answered. As they write out of man.
Francis the prince of Orange is yet April, 25.
a foote, notwithstanding his hurt re- with his
ceiued by a young Biskain, who lost his owne hand.
life in this worlde in the enterprise. God
peradventure keepeth him for an other
purpose. Alancon triumpheth, but it
will be without an Iron corselet. Now
durable as I hope: the moneth of May is
not yet past. I doe to my power sollicite
the sending of souldiers into the Lowe
Countreys, and expectall good prouision
of muner. I assure you there is no want in
mee, as not respecting how small thanks
I take of those of Hazienda: so that may
be done which belongeth to the seruice of
God, & the master, & the benefit of y^e poore
countreys. There is on al sides great pre-
paration, as wel by sea as by land, against
those

those that would hurt vs, and I hope that
the French can not procure þ arinall of þ
turkisch armie this yere, howe earnestly so
euer they labor, as wel by þ ordinary em-
bassador that is at Constantinople as by
an expresse messenger, whom the Queen
mother hath sent by Marceyles : beause
that by letters, euen lately receiued oue
of the east, wee are assured that the Per-
sians haue of late giuen the Turkes a
shewde blowe, whiche muche trou-
bleth the Constantinopolitaynes : be-
sides that the Turke labourerh all hee
may about sending away 4000. Janissar-
ies, and 3000 Spachies: and hath com-
māded two Sangiaques to be in redines,
and hasted the feast of the circumcision of
the sonne, to the ende, the better to entend
to the saide resistaunce, for that all hope
of agreement is past, also in the Arsenall
they worke more slowly about the furni-
ture of the nauie. I hope my Lorde the
Prince, hath already deliuered you the
nomination of Turney, and the deane of
Saint Gaule that of Malines, and I
haue written to Rome, by the former or-
dinarie there to preuent, and there with
my

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my Auditor M. Leander Lana, and Bli-
oul, hee shall finde all good addresse. I
haue also sent my procuration to resigne,
& by this ordinarie do hope to send the co-
pie. Wee haue had a shewde turne a-
bout the Pensions leuied vpon Turney,
but wee must for the time haue patience,
and looke for remedie hereafter. I haue
geue here my Lorde of S. Valtz, making
him the best cheere I coulde, he is going
towards Poytingall, whether I haue
written (as I am bounde) in his behalfe,
as also in the behalfe of Secreterie Val-
seur, his father the Lord of Valsuon, and
the little enfant: At the least I omitte no-
thing for my part that I am able to doe.
By niere the La. of Almay writeth vnto
me, that Vateuille hath exhibited a peti-
on to those of the Chamber of accounts
of Dole, and sent another to the Eche-
quer in the lowe Countreys, pretending
a title to Verselles, as the recompence of
the late Lorde of Peleux the father (being
one of the Emperors chamber) for all his
service together with the losse of his
goods in France for the Imperial maie-
ties sake, as also for hauing his two

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Comes layne, together with the death of
my saide. Nieces seconde father, who pe-
rished in y^e battaile of Graucing, bestowen
suche consideration as is to be had of the
service of y^e late M^r. of Almay my nephew,
together with his expectes in his masters
affayres. This request hath hee sent un-
to you with the particulars thereto ad-
joyned: heretofore you presented my M^r.
the prince, who now therefore to it, that
it shalbe thus. Verleil may be hers, notwithstanding
standing, insomuch as you cannot obtaine
the rest of that whereto her demand pro-
poundeth. Desiring you to help her in what
you will may.

I haue heretofore given you to under-
stand, y^e the king hath given Don Fran-
cois a entre of Aspagolle de Lara whiche
name is worth 500 crownes, and will
hereafter be better. He hath had thow-
ther of sent into Burgondy, but I know
not whether they found him there. For
some doe write: that hee had altered his
mind for comming thither, and that he
was determined to goe to Frankfort to
buy horses, and so to serve in the warres
in those partes, but I knowe not whether

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this may cause him to take some other ad-
vice. I had here this Easter his brother
and his people with me: I like him well,
and hee profiteth in studie, I haue concei-
ued a good hope of him, and he liketh his
master, and his master him. A Burgo-
gnion gentleman, named Monsieur of
Thon goeth that way, and shall take ac-
quaintance of you: his purpose as I heare
is to take charge of my layde nephew in
stead of the L. of Vauldrey. If you please
I pray you write vnto mee your opinion,
whether you thinke it conuenient. The
King is gone to meete with his sister the
Emperesse at Acherin, and from thence
are to goe to Lisbon, wee shall see what
will come of this enterpryse.

Thus heartily commending mee to
your good grace, I beseech the creator to
grauat you the accomplishment of your
desires.

From Madrill this 25. of April.

1582.

Your good brother and assured friend,

Ant. Cardinall of Granuelle.

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The superscription was.

To my L. the prouost Morillon, great
Archdeacon of Malines, my fellow
brother and friende.

To the cou- Sir counsellor, I haue receiued your
sellor of Als. Letter of the 25. of Februarie, & haue
sonuill. very willingly giuen audience vnto my
The 25. of Lord, the prelate of S. Vastz. Having of.
April. 1582. ten conferred together, he is departed in
post towarde the king into Portingall.

His Maiestie liketh verie well of the
resolution of the reconciled estates, and
in mine opinion they haue laide a good
foundation of change, in saying that their
earnest request to bee rid of straungers
was onely vpon suche hope as the others
ministred of framing the selues to obedi-
ence, if they were gone, seeing that the re-
solution taken, and the sworn treaty, was
the onely ground of discharging them, as
also that y^e others had shewed great hope
of accommodating them selues to them,
and returning to obedience after the said
straungers departure, which neuerthe-
lesse

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lesse they haue not done, but do stil persist
in their obstinacie.

The Prince of Oranges death will
alter many of their minds: And the duke
of Alençon hauing none of his own peo-
ple about him, may perhappes repent
that he ever came so far. The right way
were, if the inhabitants of Antwerpe for
making their owne peace (considering
that my Loyde the Prince doeth yet offer
them all fauour, if they would but return
and acknowledge them selues) would
deceyue him prisoner, and deliuer him in-
to his Maiesties handes, to the ende hee
might reward him as he deserueth. I soli-
cite so much as possibly I may the speedy
sending of men & money, whiche I hope
will bee done: the men do already march,
and dealing for money goeth forwarde:
I hope God will assist vs notwithstan-
ding, whatsoeuer hindrances they procure
vs. He is aboue all, and the redier
he will be to helpe vs, if we helpe our sel-
ues, as surely for the small wading thro-
rowe so many miseries, we must. Con-
cerning your perticular parson, Secre-
tarie Lalloo may very well testifie, that

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I haue done so much as you can require.
Also by Spanishe letters which I haue
written to his Maiestie with my owne
hande. God graunt you may as I desire
reape some fruite. And this I assure
you: My Lorde the Prince hath as ear-
nestly commended you as is possible.

Thus hartely commending me to your
good remembraunce, I beseech the crea-
tor (sic Counsailor) to graunt you your
desires.

From Madrill this 15. of Aprill. 1582.

Your good Gossip and friende Ant.
Cardinall of Granuelle.

The superscription was.

To my Lof Assauiile counsellour, and
one of his Maiesties priuie counsell
in the Lowe countreys.

To the Dut-
ches of Para-
ma the 27.
of April.
1582. with
his owne
hande.

M Adam, I haue answered al your
highnes letters that came to my
hande, and doe very desirously
attende newes from thence of
your highnesse perfect recouerie, to the
ende, to be eased of my care in by the last
I hearde that the goue had not yet per-
fectly left you. God for his mercie sende
me

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me shortly good tydings. The letters which lately we haue had out of England putteth vs in hope that wee be deliuered of the Prince of Orange, sith the 14. day after his hurt (as they write thence) there was no more hope of his life, and the Q. of Englande was duely aduertized from time to time of the state of his hurt. They say moreover, that he hath been grievously tormented as well with the payne of his wound, as also, with the payne that he hath bin put to, partly by such incisions, as the surgions haue made to come to the bottom of the hurt, & partly by cauteries of towne for stopping of the blood: which yet they could not attayne. It is pitie hee died not long since, together with a great number of his faction, namely. S. Aldegonde. His death wil breed great alterations as is most like, & we loke for news of what haue since happened, and what course matters haue taken. We heare that the duke of Anicow hath sent the D. Daulphin to the king of France for succour, we shall see what will come of it. I wot not what breach of war we looke for, sith the Q. of Anicow doth al by knowledge, con.

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consent and assistance of his said brother, as also he helpeth the Queen his mother, who openly toyneeth with Don Antonie to make warre against vs. It is euident they woulde doe more if they could. But we can haue no helpe of our power, neither knowe it, or consider in what state those bee that doe on all sides disquiet vs, yea so farre as by procuring the discente of the Turkes armie, who I suppose verily woulde come, in case the Persian warre, which yet continueth, did not let him, as hauing lately on that side had an ouerthrow of his people, whereupon, according to the last newes, Constantino-ple was much troubled, and the sayde Turke hath sent into his frontiers newe reliefe of two Sangiaques, with 4000. Janissaries, and 3000 Spachies, notwithstanding they giue out that they doe attende an embassadour out of Persia, who shoulde bring the conditions of peace, whiche I hope is but a voice to deceiue them, and that he hath to doe with a people that doe fight in running away.

My Lord of S. Vastz went this way, and by poste continueth his iourney towards

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warde the king, who is now at Almeria
whether he went to meete the Emperesse,
and my Lorde the Archduke Cardinall
is gone to receiue her vpon the confines
of the kingdome. The saide Abbot of S.
Valtz seemeth a wary man, and suche a
one as can peeble good accompte of the
state of the Lowe Countreys. I enter-
tayned him very well, and haue commen-
ded him in the court, to the ende they may
so ble him, that hee may returne well sa-
tisfied. I am well assured that for his
part he wil sollicite the sending of souldi-
ers and money for the pay: whereabout
I haue laboured these two monethes, cal-
ling vpon it so much as I might. And
alreadie we haue worde from Sicill and
Naples, that the power that should come
thence, will marche very shortly, so to
ioyne with Don Ferdinand of Tolete,
who is yet in the Neapolitayn gallies at
Calibry, while Don Ihon of Cardoa, at-
tendeth conuenient tyme to passe the
gulf: and in troth, he is very slacke. So
as the Countie Oliuares, who is in the
same gallies, is not yet gotten to Rome,
to the great preiudice of the affayres: not-
with.

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Withstanding his Holinesse hath already
 graunted the subsidy, which he hath stat-
 ed these three petres full vnder colour of
 the abstinence of warre, which John of
 Marliano had concluded with the Turke.
 I doe within these two dayes looke for
 the Prince John Andrew Dorye, who
 returneth toward Italy with his Gal-
 leyes, and the Duke of Ossuna goeth
 with him, who, as your highnesse maye
 haue heard, goeth as Viceroy to Naples.
 His Maiestie and all his blood thanked
 be God, are in good health, and we waite
 what resolution they wil take after their
 Maiesties haue bene together, who are
 to returne from Almarin to Lisbon,
 where (if I be not deceiued) the Kinge
 hath yet enough to do: for concerning iu-
 stice, gouernment, creaturie, and suche
 like concerning surety, I see nothing yet
 done to my liking: besides that, I wote
 not how his Maiestie can without daun-
 ger leaue the Realme of Portugale.
 Our Navy is providing, but slowly ac-
 cording to custome, so as if want of monie
 had not hindered Don Anthonie & the
 Mother of France, they had by this pre-
 sented

effected by The feare of the Turkes army
 hath caused the leuie of 6000. Almains
 in Tirol, who are to take shipping at Spe-
 ric: but if the Turkes armie cometh not,
 yet shall we not want place where to vls
 them, if I may be beleued. It is doubted
 whether the enterpryse of Tercera shalbe
 executed this yere, or whether they take
 any other order. God put into his Maie-
 sties hart, that that may be for the best. It
 is still said, that the Imperiall diet shalbe
 holden at Auspburg, but I canot thinke it,
 it began vpon Sunday last, notwithstanding
 the purport of y letters of conuoca-
 tion. I suppose my L. the prince hath sent
 out of the Lowe Countreys some one to
 supplie the place for the circuite of Bur-
 gondie: at the least, I gaue knowledge of
 it at the Court a good while since, to the
 ende therevpon to write to him what was
 beste, together with my opinion.

Your highnesse may haue heard howe
 it hath pleased his Maestie to nominate
 to the Bishoppricke of Turney Moril-
 lon, Brounst of Ayre. Also that I haue
 granted to discharge my selfe of the
 Archa

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Archbishopricke of Malines, as that I
can not be there resident, nominating
thereto M. John of Auchin, deane of S.
Gaulle my officiall, who vnder the saide
prouost of Morillon hath gouerned the
sayd Archbishopricke many yeeres. The
faueur which it pleased your highnes to
extend toward the said Morillon in testi-
fying so wel of him to his Maestie, for y
which I most humbly and hartily thanke
you, together with the commendation of
my sayde Lorde Prince haue bin a good
helpe to him herein, and certaynely I
hope that of ychoyse which his Maestie
haue made of these two persons, hee shall
be well serued, and that when your high-
nesse shall knowe the saide deane, your
selfe will bee of the same opinion. It is
aboue fifteene yeeres since I first sued to
his Maestie to discharge mee of the said
Church of Mallines, which as your high-
nesse knoweth I accepted full euill a-
gainst my will. For I sufficiently did
foresee what would ensue, as that by my
absence his Maestie coulde not reape the
fruites whereto he pretended by uniting
the Abbaies vnto the Bysshoprickes, whi-
che

the better to the end the Bishopps might
haue some ouersight in dealing with the
states of Brabant, for withstanding the
prince of Orange, and other of his facti-
on, that troubled the affaires: and the bet-
ter to trayne the Abbots, who being a-
bused by the saide Prince of Orange,
haue giuen him opportunitye to hurt both
them selues and the rest. As for John of
Sermillan, in whose behalfe your high-
nesse haue written, concerning the Abey
of Digne, in your letter, dated the 17. of
Februarie, I haue already written to
Monsieur Foncq; who hath returned
me an answer that it is already besto-
wed, I wote not on whom, without ma-
king his Maiestie priuie thereto, whiche
he imputeth to the Countes of Asson-
ville, for that if it be bestowed, ther is no
more to say. I see no other matter at
this tyme woorth the troubling of your
highnesse, then you vnderstande by my
former.

Finally, most humbly and heartily
commending me to your highnesse good
grace, I beseech the creator, to sende you
a good, and long life.

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From

From Madrill, the 27. of April,
1582.

Your highnesse moste humble and
bounden seruant, Ant. Cardinall
of Granuelle.

The superscription was,
To my Lady, to her highnesse owne
handes.

Most noble and most excellent Lorde,
right honourable.

To prince
of Parma.

I haue answered all your excellencies
letters, and since the blowe giuen to
the prince of Orange here haue commin
none of your newes. By Englands wee
haue perticularly hearde the whole suc
celle of his hurt, in that this Quene's a
gences remaining in Antwerpe, haue bin
diligent in giuing daily notice of all that
haue been incident to his hurt: and (as we
haue there learned) he liued for the space
of 14. dayes after the blowe in vehement
torments, by reason as well of the griefe
of his wounde, as also by the Anticorde
which

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which the Surgeons made by incisions,
as if it had been in dead flesh; for the fear-
ing thereof, and seeking to helpe it: al-
so by molesting him with steepe Cause-
ries, endeavouring to stop the paine, which
they could not bring to passe: farther;
that the 12. day he was in such case, as
even his owne familiars were past hope
of life. There is no speech in what state
the affaires of Antwerpe remained all
the while, saying that Alencon offered
him, and that he made a thors will. It can
not possibly be, but that this happe will
breede great alterations. God graunte
be to our benefite.

His Maestie trusteth, that your excel-
lencie will without faile helpe by all
means possible to procure some good ef-
fect, by using such meanes (as you were
determined) with the inhabitants of Ant-
werpe and other townes, offering unto
them notwithstanding what beuer their
former committed offences, all pardon
and curtesie, in case they will reclarie
themselves: as also that you will not
omit what so ever occasion, to be-
come

By your Maesties

having somewhat, both such small
 force as you have. If opportunity
 may serve. All sending of speedy succour
 is daily called upon, and already out of
 Naples, Sicilie, and Millan. We heare
 that men bee providing, farther, that the
 Horsemen that were at Naples should
 presently march to Millan. The regi-
 ment of don Ferdinando of Tolete (whi-
 che as I write unto you shall not go with
 the other troupe, but rather Peter of
 Paz) was yet at Colibre the 20. of this
 moneth, though the unreasonable slack-
 nesse of Don John of Cardous, who see-
 keth to sayle so sure. The provision of
 40000. crowns appointed for victualing
 in Sauoy, are already in the handes of
 Sanctius of Padilia. Also for feare of the
 turkish armie, there are 6000. Almaines
 leued, and shall take shipping at Spetie:
 which (this feare past) may serue some o-
 ther where, to whiche end, there are
 76000. crownes already sent. I doe by
 all meanes possible, call upon the promi-
 se of coyne, as I haue already written,
 which as I hope will be with profite.
 Don Antony, being openly assisted
 by

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by the Quene, sheweth to depart
towards the coast of Portugal, and
thence to the Ile of Terceira, and the main
coast in the beginning of May. Our answer
is written more shortly then I could
write, I have already wrote written to
the Quene.

And I assure my selfe, your grace
shall shortly have answer. To the
Quene were already come, and many
no longer hang in suspence, and have
received her answer.

The embassadour John Babette, and
others that Orondge remaneth the 12,
of the hope of life. Others that come
by sea, shall have already wrote.

The Quene John Babette, hath moreover, that
the Quene's Dauphine was gone to the
French Court, there to sollicite the King
to sende ayde: yea and that with the
bedder I was not in doubt: for I am
of opinion, that Alençon both had
long before that the mother and brother
all. I desire your excellencie, for a
good the people of the Countrey of

Al this writ-
ten in Cy-
phres.
Cyphres,

having somewhat such small
 force as you have, if opportunity
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 is daily called upon, and already out of
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 lenten, and shall take shipping at Spier:
 which (this feare past) may serve some o-
 ther whete, to whiche ende, there are
 26000. crownes already sent. I doe by
 all means possible, call upon the promi-
 se of coyne, as I have already requested,
 which as I hope will be with profit.
 Don Antony, being openly assisted
 by

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By the Duke of Devonshire, to depart
 towards the coast of Portugal, and
 towards the city of Lisbon, and the island
 of the beginning of May. Our intent
 is to land more secretly then I could
 have expected. I have already made
 provision for the same. I have already
 made provision for the same. I have
 already made provision for the same.

At this writ-
 ten in Cy-
 phres.
 Cyphres,

The Ambassador John Babington, and
 others that Orange remitted the
 support of life. Others that come
 to make him already dead. The
 Ambassador Babington, and others, that
 the Duke of Devonshire was gone to the
 French Court, there to follow the
 Duke to sende away: yea and that with
 the Duke I had not intended: for I am
 of opinion, that Alençon hath
 been what the mother and brother
 of the Duke of Devonshire, for a
 long time of the County of

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Burgundy; to send the Infanterie and
 Gentemen that are levied in these Coun-
 tries, to march with all speed that may
 be towards Flanders, otherwise they will
 trouble all. Besides, if the French should
 come, they will serve as soldiers, but to
 doe in their owne houses, and therefore
 I am full of that minde, that for the safe-
 tie of these countries, we must have
 some very newlie, who being enter-
 ved, untill the power that is to passe on
 of Italy be come, might then be safely
 dismissed with full payment, to the ende
 they may have their ready as money might
 require. And therefore considering the
 forme that those of the countrie in com-
 mon, this may require by the cheape.

The things John Andrew Dory
 has not written here, but I looke for his
 writing, times in foure dayes as the for-
 mer to send him.

The Duke of Medina is not
 Pagnatell: It is enough that he is
 that he is owner of his house
 certainly he will make haste for
 to come home.

At this write
 ten in
 phres.
 Cphres.

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Cardinal of Granuello

The superscription was

To the most noble and excellent Lord

my right honourable La the Prince

of Parma, gouernour and captaine

in chief for his Maistie in the lowe

Countreyes and shouers of Burgundy.

And the content was of the Viceroy, who

Martine wrote this day directed me

your letter of the 19. of February, I have

already by writing my answer to the Kings

and the Cardinals, being of the holy resolu-

tion taken by the same, all that apper-

taineth by the which I shall be your

politic, together with your own ways I

will accomodate, what you by my Letters

myself, yet more, desiers of your clearing

his work, and beginning. The intencions

of Artois, shall be your cheape, and the rest,

whereof may redounde great benefite to al

the church, for by withdrawinge the which

out of so many miseries. & you shall before

these letters come to your hands, haue no-

rice of his most excellent resolution, together

with those I haue transcribed

therin: assuring you that I haue not, nor doe

not omit any means in hastening your

succour

To the Mar-
quise of Rou-
baisthe 16.
of April.
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success & furniture of copie. And besides
 the 400000 crownes mentioned in your
 letter, there is meanes made for 200000
 more. I have done my endeour to pro-
 cure the setting downe of an assured in-
 credible summe, whiche should not bee
 flacked, but there is more to do in finding
 the meanes, then in wishing the doing of
 it. It is still in hand, but I dare not put you
 in any assured hope before I see the de-
 cision a better forwardnesse: at the least,
 I assure you there is no want in mee, and
 well I may say that I do all that I may.
 As for such souldiers as appear at the
 mouthes of ordinarilly in following their
 leaders, or whē they come to battell blows,
 are absent, that is an ordinarie disease,
 especiall among suche souldiers as are
 in their owne countreys. I dare say the
 fault is not in you, and what I ever com-
 mends to your advice, you would willingly
 obey: for besides the respect I ought
 to be had to the masters service, by suche
 meanes you preserve your owne person,
 together with other captaines in great
 daunger. For weening to have your nū-
 ber of souldiers for want there-
 of you

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you are the weaker before your enemy,
 which may procure such danger as you
 may easily comprehend. I have
 never since the late motion of Mr.
 Vane before the Council conferred with
 him, besides the testimonies in his works
 already before me, he seemed in my opini-
 on, a very terrible person. He shall pro-
 ceede on his journey to his Episcopacie,
 where hee shall finde part of that he hath
 in charge in a good forwarthness, by
 means of such diligence as hath been ob-
 served. I am to thanke you for such courteous
 offers, as it pleases you by your letter
 to make unto mee; and for my part, I re-
 quire all thereof, you shall alwayes finde
 mee ready, and willing to do for you (an
 occasion shall serve) whatsoever I may.
 Finally, most heartily commending
 mee to your good grace, I beseeche the
 Creator, my L. to graunt you the accom-
 plishment of your desires.

From Manchester the 15. of April.
 1632.

Wholy ready to do you service.

Ans,

Letter intercepted.

Ant. cardinall of Granvelle.

The superscription was.

To my L^{dy} my L. Marquise of Roubaix,
Governour of Artoys and Helder.

My L^{dy} the B^ylate of Saint To the L^{of}
Vastz hath delivered your letter Montigny.
of the last saue one of February. In troth
such are your desertes, in that you haue
so nobly imployed your selfe in his Ma-
iesties seruice, that your selfe neede not
to speake thereof, as being a thing mani-
fest, wherof his Maiestie is sufficiently
enfourmed, assuring you that notwithstanding
it was needlesse: yet I failed not
to put him in minde vpon euery occasion.
And I perceiue he liketh you well, and
esteemeth of your ballancie, and of that
you haue vpon euery opportunitie that
haue been offered, so nobly and so often
employed your owne person with suche
manhood and honour: whereby I hope
that his saide Maiestie will omitte no oc-
casion, to let you vnderstande what ac-
count hee maketh of you: also what car-
resse.

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tellie you are to hope for of his greatnesse
 and liberalty. As for the charges of Flan-
 ders, I perceiue not that his Maestie
 doeth yet goe about to take any resolu-
 tion: besides you know (sir) in what state
 Flanders matters doe yet stande, howe-
 beit I hope that if you haue not yet heard
 of it, you shall shortly by my Lorde the
 prince vnderstande, that he is carefull in
 employing you honourably. And I can
 assure you, that the good will whiche I
 haue perceiued in his Maestie towarde
 you is such, that in my opinion, you can
 not wishe it better. I am heere as you
 knowe farre from him, at the least twelue
 dayes iourneys off, and therefore can doe
 nothing but by letters, which can not al-
 wayes watch their times so as those that
 are present had neede to renewe the con-
 sents of the letters, and I hope that my
 Lorde president Foncq, who nowe is
 there, through whose handes also the af-
 faires of the lowe Countreys doe passe,
 & who in my opinion liketh you wel, will
 not faile to do whatsoeuer to your behoof
 bee may possible, as also I assure you,
 that for my part what so euer in me lieth,
you

you shall be remembered with all good and
assured affection. Whereupon for an end
hereof. I commend me to your good
grace; beseeching the Creator, to grant
you the accomplishment of your desires.

From Madrid this 16 of April.

Your perfect friend & do your service.

Am. Cardinal of Granada.

The superscription was.

To my Lord the Lords of Montie
gnye.

High Lord and noble Master

Mr, the Lord of S. Valtz arrivinge To the L. of
Sheere in good helth this present daye, Capres.
gave me cause of great contentation, in
that by him I understood peticularlye,
besides what before I knewe, the ende-
uors which your self together with other
Lords haue vsed for the common wealch
of the countrey, by holding the religion,
and his Maiesties service, wherein in
troth, your desert is great: and I doe e-
specially wishe that his Maiestie may ef-
fec-

fecundally (as occasion may serve) declare
how well he liketh thereof. For my part,
I will not say le, but willing to certifye you
to his gratefull, and so large remembrance the
same alwayes as time may serve, to the
ende my endeavors may one day yeelde
such fruites as may turne to your full con-
sentation, wherein you shall alwayes find
me ready, as also in what so ever els I
may, to doe you pleasure and service.
Finally, most heartily commending my
selfe unto your good grace, I beseech the
creator, graunt to you the accomplishment
of your desires.

From Madrid this 16. of April.

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Your good friends to the. Antonio
Cardinall of Granvelles.

The superscription was.

To my L. my Lorde the Earle of Hen-
nilietart, L. of Capres.

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My Lord of Gongnies, the Prelate To the L. of
of Saint Valtz hath deliuered mee Gongnies.
your letter, dated the 22. of Februarie.

The goodwill and loue which heretofore
I haue offered vnto you, is not onely not
diminished: but rather dayly encreaseth.
vnderstanding the duty, in what you
may, you do vse toward & vpholding of
religion, & his Maiesties service: as also
by reason of such good will, as you haue
borne toward me, and doe now againe
shew. Therefore haue I omitted often to
renew your desertes, and still will be rea-
die vpon all occasions to renew the same,
and will sende vnto my Lord the most
Foncq your request, to the ende he may
make report thereof to his Maiestie, in
whose handes, the same which you pro-
cured to bee exhibited, whereof this & nowe
you sende mee, is the copie, may by this
time be deliuered: desiring him to put his
Maiestie in minde of my former suite
which willingly I will renewe, earnest-
ly wishing him to take such order therein,
as may be to your full contentation.

Thus most hartely commending my
self to your good remembrance, I beseech the

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for, to graunt you your desires.

From Madril this 16. of Aprill,
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Your good friende, Ant.

Cardinall of Grannelle.

The superscription was.

To my L. the L. of Gongnies.

To Tresorer
Stercke.

MY L. tresorer generall, & prelate of
S. Vass, arriving here this day, haue
among others deliuered me your letters,
bearing date the 15. of Februarie: by the
contents whereof I gladly vnderstoode
that his Maiesties grant, signed with his
owne hande for confirming you in your
estate, was made to your liking. The ce-
timonte of your loyall seruice is due vn-
to your workes, in that continually you
haue so well employed your selfe: I am
very glad that your age and disposition
can beare it, so well to cende dayly to the
masters affaires, which (considering in
what state they nowe remayne) doe neede
some great assistance. I heartily thanke
you for your offer, which at the request of
my L. the prouost of Ayre you made to
assist my pretence, for the payment of my
wages and pensions, that haue so many
yeeres

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perres bin due: and I perceiue you know
that I haue great reason, and that I haue
borne my selfe modestly in vsing no im-
portunacie: notwithstanding, I haue so
long stayed: But the losses which on all
sides I haue sustained, together with my
expences in my iourneys for our masters
seruice, as also my seruing purely, and w-
out interest, do now force mee to be ear-
nest. By the said p[ro]uost of Ayres letters
I vnderstand, that by your good furthe-
raunce the matter draweth to some ende,
that at the leaste I may bee relieued with
some good portion, eyther in Burgondy
or els where, for the wh I heartily thanke
you: as also of the assurance that you
make mee of your good will, toge-
ther with my Lords your fellow brethren
in my behalf, wherby I am greatly bound
to employ my selfe for the whole compa-
ny: especially for you in whatsoever oc-
casion may graunt me opportunitie.

The resolution of the estates hath bin
great, and of great importaunce: as that
whereof the whole countrey I hope shal
reap comoditie, his Maestie being resol-
ued to accept of this good wil, & to sende

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for the assurance of the said Countreys
against the French, so to procure therest
and quiet which after so many mischiefs
were thereto, more then necessarie.

Thus most heartily commending my self
to your good remembrance, I beseeche
the Creator, my L. Tresorer to graunt
you your desires.

From Madrill this 16. of Aprill.
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Your assured and olde friende,
Ant. Cardinal of Grannelle.

The superscription was.

To my L. Stercke, high Tresorer of his
Maiesties receipts in the Low coun-
treys.

To the L. of
Billy.

My Lord, I have receiued your let-
ters of the last of Februarie, whi-
che my L. of S. Vastz deliuered mee at
his conuining bether, from whence hee is
nowe departed vpon his iourney. I was
glad to see him, and wee haue often con-
ferred together. The resolution that hee
bringeth

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bringeth from the estates, deserveth that
he bee very welcome, especially, for that
hee hath so honourable behaved himselfe
therein, as also in reconciling the estates
of the Mallon Proutices. In truth
he is a meete man, and I am glad that I
have founde him affectionate towarde
you. Of your good will towarde mee,
I assure my selfe by reason of such offers
as both by mouth and letters you have
often made mee. And your selfe may be
sure to finde me alwayes correspondent
in like desire, to employ my selfe in what
soever concerneth you, which certaynely,
both willingly and favourable I do per-
forme in what I may.

Wherefore heartily commending me
to your good grace, I beseeche the Crea-
tor to graunt you your desires.

From Madrill this 15. of Aprill.

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Your perfect good friende.
Ant. Cardinall of Granuelle.

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To my L. the L. of Billy. &c.

Letters of A. Dennetiers.

To the L. of
Rassenghié.

M^y Lorde, I lately receiued the let-
ters whiche it pleased your Lordes-
hip to write vnto mee by the L. of Saine
Vastz, who was most honourably recei-
ued and feasted by the most noble, my L.
of Granuelle, and as I vnderstand, shal so
bee also by my L. Foncq at Lisborne,
where he is already arrived, and was like
speedily to be dispatched, hauing such an
hott, had not his dispatch by reason of the
enteruiewe betweene the K. and the Em-
presse, (who was gone to see her at Alme-
rin whether shee came to meete him) bin
stayed. I haue and still will willingly do
my L. of Vendegies all pleasure I may,
for besides his deserts, and vertuous qua-
lities, there is in vs a certaine kinde of
conformitie, which maketh mee to loue,
reuerence, and honor him, reioycing and
congratulating with your Lordship, for
such a Lorde and friend, & such a nephew,
of whō I hope of much in time to come,
concerning the administration of y^e com-
mon wealth & benefite of our countrey.
I woulde to God we had many such.

We can come to no ende with the w^y

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to me, who is a foolish woman, and hath
euill counsellors, I hope neuertheless that
time and friends may mollifie her, and
teach her to knowe her wrong. In the
meane time my Lord of Secry wasteth so
liuely and practiseth in the language and
knowledge of Spanish affaires, that his
imprisonment will not onely bee not vn-
profitable to him, but also most profitable.
As like wise to the aforesaid L. of Vende-
gries, who hath dayly dealings with pro-
cutors and attornies, learning the phrase &
manner to proceede. Of this mishappe will
redounde this benefite, that they shall
haue learned the speeche and customes of
the kingdome.

It is supposed, that his Maiesties sojour-
ning at Lisbon, is very fit for reducing
of the Hollenders & Zealanders, who haue
learned & vnderstood what þe R. our M.
is. Also that herewithal the P. of Ditzes
death, wh is thought certayne, may breede
great alteratiō: God graunt we may wel
use this opportunitie. I suppose that will
be when the French is better known: also
that until then we shal haue enough to do
and more then euer. For a good & firme

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peace, a strong war is necessarie. The vniuersall resolution of the Mallon provinces was hard very acceptable, god graffe it may be well vlsd, otherwise I am in the same feare with your Lordship. Whereupon I dare say his Maestie will vse both wisdom and discretion.

Your L. doeth greatly binde mee in shewing so great fauour towarde me, my kinsmen and friendes. I hope God will giue me grace to deserue it toward your Lordshippe and yours, according to my small habilitie, in whatsoener I may vnderstande requisite to your honor, welch, and seruice. I suppose that some of my peeres pentions, in title of a Lorde of the priuite counsell, are yet behinde. I am to craue your Lordships fauour in the payment thereof, towarde the reliefe of my mother, and other our wantes which are great, by reason of the great losses which in our goods wee haue susteyned during these warres. If your Lordship woulde do mee this fauour, to wishe mee some meanes how to be recompensed, I thinke his Maestie woulde haue some regarde of my seruices and losses. The Admirall's sonne of Castile, was lately

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by Alcaldes and Aguacilles ledde prisoner to the Castle of Alameda, as guiltie of the death of a gentleman, named Gutierrez, who was slayne by three or foure unknowne Rebocados, of whome there haue been some Gentlemen and others founde in Arragon, and brought hither, who being here racked, the said Admiral and other great persons haue founde them selues grieued, alleadging that it is against their priuiledges, and as I vnderstande, there haue bin a plaintiue request exhibited to his Maiestie: whereupon is great discourting. I am glad to heare of the recoverie of Lens out of y^e Frenches handes: for if his leasure had serued, that he might haue fortified it, it might haue done muche mischief all ouer the flatte Countrey, and bryd great harme before it had been recovered.

Thus my L. most humbly commending me to your L. good grace, I beseech the Creator to grant you the accomplishment of your most noble and veruous desires.

From Madrill this 12. of Aprill.

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Of your said Lordship, the most humble and affectionate seruaunt.

A. Denneries.

The superscription was,

To my L. my L. the Baron of Rassenghien, of the counsell of Estate, and chiefe of the Catholik K. of Spaine's receipts in his lowe Countreys.

Letters of the Abbot of Saint Vast.

To counsel,
ler Richard,
dor,

M^d Lorde, I suppose you haue receiued the letters I write vnto you by the way: Nowe that I am at my Lo. the Cardinall's, who hath lodged me at his house, and doeth mee all honor possible, granting me priuate audience so oft as I desire it, I haue not forgottē to report your vertues and deserts. Wherein I assure you, he hath taken such a liking, that shortly you shall see the effectes, and that *in fine* that shal be restored you, whiche by others enuie hath bin taken away.

The rest is not to be referred to paper: only I pray you thinke that your affaires are at a good stay, whereunto I will bee
still

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kill assistant, & will not cease *nifre plane*
confecta. We depart to morrowe toward
Lisbone, from whence you shall heare of
our newes. By L. of Morillon is nomi-
nated to the Bishopricke of Turney, and
the Deane of S. Gudule to the Archbi-
shopricke of Malines, as one in whose be-
halfe my L. hath resigned. One of Mor-
becques childre is here in prison, for kill-
ing his hoste peeuisly. The L. of Go-
micourt returneth with one habite, a-
thousand crowns and counsell for y^e war.

No more, but I pray you haue a care
of our householde affayres, and so besee-
ching God to continue you his fauour.

Toe wth al my heart comend me to yours.

From Madrill this 26. of Aprill.

1582.

Your perpetuall obedient friend. Iohn
Abbot of Saint Vallz.

The superscription was.

To my L. my L. of Richardot, president
of Artoys, and of his Maiesties pri-
uie counsell.

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Letters of Peter Aldobrandino.

My most noble Lady,

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To the Dut-
chess of
Parma.

The 2. of this present, I wrote to your
highnesse of my occurrences, and I
received yours of the 22. of Februarye,
four dayes since, which as your self may
imagine, bred my great contentation, as
thereby understanding howe after your
great trouble with goutes and fevers,
you nowe finde your selfe so eased, as we
shortly hope that the Lorde God hath re-
stored you to your former health, whiche
I haue, and dayly doe beseeche his diuine
Majestie to graunt you. I doe likewise
understande of your highnesse determi-
nation, wholly to obey his Majestie, con-
cerning your aboode for a time in these
quarters: which vndoubtedly both is and
will be greatly to his Majesties liking:
as presupposing that your highnes persō
and shadow in these Countreys, may yet
bring forth and worke verpe great and
good effectes, for that he woulde that on
the one side my Lorde the prince shoulde
forceably compell suche as remayne ob-
stinate: and on the other side, by your high-
nesse shoulde stand with your armes open
and as it were an umpire, to ende all
controuerlies towards such as woulde
haue

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have recourse to the gate of mercy: as also to those that cannot be perswaded and beleue that the way of great and mighty force, is the same wherewith these countreys shoulde be reduced to due obedience. Yesterday I had great talke with the Lorde Don Iohn Idiaqz, and thanked him for such paynes, as I knowe hee hath taken, to the ende, your highnesse might at his Maiesties hande, obtayne such satisfaction, as the zeale wherewith you haue, and still doe serue him doth desire, and besought him to persist, especially to procure the reuoking of your highnesse, out of this exile with his fauour and good liking. Whereupon I digressed in opening sundrye purposes concerning your highnesse entent. Hereunto he made me answer, that his Maiestie was sufficiently perswaded, how greatly he was bounde vnto you. Also that he neuer doubted of your readinesse to fulfill willingly whatsoeuer his Maiesties pleasure, who also will not omitte all due considerations of your highnesse seruice and qualitie. Farther, that it is necessarie you should attend the successe of this springe, that

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that after ward he may the better resolue
himselfe: he promised me also þ he would
not omit any conuenient time or place, so
earnestly to deale wth his Maiestie, as your
highnes may trust vnto him. For my part
I will slacke no time or opportunitie, to
the ende, to keepe the said M. well dispo-
sed & affected: who beides his great good
will to your highnes, is also in gr eat cre-
dite & authoritie wth his Maiestie, & is
glad to see me, & doeth by all meanes fa-
uour me: neither would he suffer mee as
yet to moue his Maiestie, as I haue been
about to doe: but willed mee to consoyme
my selfe to that your highnesse w^{rite} vnto
him, for that he saith his Maiestie coulde
not yet peruse your letters, so that it were
good he should first see them, & then when
time serued to speake, he would giue me
warning. So as I will wholly fulfil what
so euer the said M. shall commaunde in ce,
who also hath promised to procure often
letters to your highnes. To be brieve, to
graunt you such amends as your deuotio
to his Maiesties seruice doth deserue.

I haue assisted Nicelly in whatsoeuer I
thought conuenient for the seruice of the
house

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Souldiers if he had not bin here, he might
haue bin in the byers, and therefore may
certifie you in what credit euē your high-
nes shadow is here. But perticularly co-
cerning the Castle, I haue not spokē one
worde, but am ready to perfourme what-
soeuer you shal appoint & command me.

The knight Blondo writeth to me that
concerning the kings reuenew, he ende-
uorēth not yet to vse any farther diligece
vntill the L. Duke, nameth the persons y
shall bye the landes, & then all necessary
conueliances shalbe dispatched, when we
also must take heed y you be assured con-
cerning the title to Nonara. Because that
at Madrill; there haue bin perticular dea-
ling touching the enhauncing and aug-
mentation of your highnes priuiledges,
& that there it is to be dispatched: Sama-
nigo hath perticular care of y busines, &
I haue here procured a consultation to be
sent to Madrill, which is in the handes of
his Maiestie, Bourbon, & La Posta, and as
Matthewe Vasques promisseth me shalbe
sent to morrow: and withall, this busines
may be finished & ended, which is not of
such importaunce as to put it in accompt
of

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of rewarde, howbeit, I will bee still so
advised, that if I heare anything, I may
knowe howe to answere.

Carle Claudes sonnes haue presented a remembrance to the counteyle of Italy, demanding the same that their father required, touching the goods confiscated by the death of Captayne Camillus, and I suppose they shall haue the same as were their father had, namely, to goe to the Duke. And as occasion fall out, I will not omitte any endeouours. Cardinal Farnesius corinales doe all they may: and I thinke his Maestie, Granuel, and Don Iohn Idiaqz sufficiently assured, who coulde me that they goe about to remedie it. Farther, yester day the saide Don Iohn willed mee to bee of good cheere: for his Maestie had his noble Lordshippe in such reputation, as the service which this hole familie had, and still doeth vnto his Maestie did deserue, but all valiant persons haue Corinales. So long as I remaine heere, I will neuer desist as well in this, as in all other matters, but conforme my self wholly to your highnesse will, neyther will I omit
any

thy diligence or endeavour, to the ende
you may haue such satisfaction, as by rea-
son you are to hope for of the goodnesse
of this great king, who God be praised
is in better health then ever he was: and
in his determinations, bleth such secrecy
and advice, as no man can well enter to
knowe any thing, before it please him to
publike it.

The common opinion is, that in a
fewe daies hee will in September returne
to Madril, as being both in Castile and
Arragon greatly desired. And yesterday
the saide Lorde Don Iohn toulde mee,
that the most noble Empreffe did verie
well like the Monasterie des Dechaus-
ses at Madril, and that her Maiestie doth
permitte to come thither, howbeit, that
such is the loue and respecte shee beareth
to her saide brother, that it is thought that
at his being heere, shee will fulfill his
Maiesties will, who wisheth to leaue her
the gouernment of the kingdome, toge-
ther with the same. I will aduertise your
highnesse of what so euer shall dayly hap-
pen. The French doe threaten to enter
this kingdome with Don Anthony, who

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truly is here as it were adored of the base
communitie, & it is sayd that in Brittain,
there is a great army ready. Also in as
much as they cannot beate any places but
what lyeth between Duore & Mignio, his
Maiestie sendeth towarde the Citie of
Porto the Prior Don Hernando with
10000. footmen and 800. horse, with
whom he shall keepe that Countrie. In
this Citie there is a sufficient garrison.
Also at Settubar a regiment of Almains;
and the rest of the fortresses hereabout are
sufficiently provided. His Maiesties shoul-
ders are charged with greate expenses.
Also it may be the shadow is bigger then
the daunger, which is encreased by him
that endeouored to hinder the sending of
any power of importace into those parts,
as being but a small friend to our Prin-
ces glory, and an utter enemy to the pro-
uiding of the remedy for the affaires of those
parts which haue by him beene lost and
subuerted: so as without farther speeche
your highnes doe well vnderstande mee.
Howbeit as Don Iohn coulde mee,
although his Maiestie be to provide for
diuers

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those Countries: yet is he resolved to
take order for greate provision of coyne
for the affaires of those Countries, & yet
they will see that the sayde assignation
be employed any other where. I am not
sure of the full summe, but I vnderstande
it will be at the least 2. millions of gold
pieces. The most part of the saide coine
the Rouquers shall provide monethly at
Colen. In Italy there is order taken for
4. or 5000. Italians, a few horsemen,
and 2. Regiments of Spaniards, who
all shall marche thitherwardes. And in
as much as I perceived all this provision
to procede but slowly, and especiall that
of coyne, (that is the principall) by the
counsaille of Don Iohn, I determined to
write a brieve to his Maestie, the tenor
of the copie whereof is here inclosed, the
which together with other diligence vsed
coude not but bring forth good effectes.
I have sent a copie thereof to Cardi-
nall Granuelle, who liketh it very well,
and sendeth mee worde that for his part
hee hath and still doeth all that hee may,
in what so ever is needefull to be
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thought to passe: & I haue put him in mind
that if that which was begunne to be pro-
pounded, be put in execution, all will goe
well forwarde, and that there is no other
sure way to reuoke your highnesse out of
this exile. I will procure earnest warre
in those partes: for in so doing, wee shall
soone see those peoples minde: likewise
to what purpose your highnesse stape in
those countreys, may serue. I haue and
will vse for Countie Mansfelt vpon all
occasions as well with his H. as wth his
seruauntes, all meanes possible: and the
Lorde Don Iohn sheweth mee that his
Matestie doth oft write y^e he shal be con-
tinued. Also to seeke some meanes to
content and satisfie the saide Lorde, as
well because he deserueth it, as also for
easing your highnesse minde: which is
all that at this time I can say, most hum-
bly kissing your highnesse moste noble
handes. And I pray God graunt you all
supreme felicitie.

From Lisbone, this 8. of Aprill.

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Your

Your highnes most humble seruante
Peter Aldobrandine.

The superscription was written
 To the most noble Lady, my Lady

etc.

Letters of Peter Hunc.

Most noble Sir,

Beseeching God this present may
 come to your L^y. and finde you in
 such health as I beseech & wish you.

To Iasper of
 Annastro.

By the last postmarie I writ to your
 Lordshippe of my occurrences. In these
 I will rehearse the substance thereof, so
 far as I can remember (for I keepe no
 copies of my writings) as also what else
 shall come in my minde. For not being
 as yet assured of the princes death, I
 durst speake otherwise, then then I doe,
 and although at that time I was earnest
 with you to come speedily hither, so to
 get you from among those beastes feet.
 Also that therupon I writ you a particu-
 lar, what in case of necessity you shoulde

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I have to the printe, yet now I say, that
 by a letter which my father wrote me the
 23. of this moneth, his minde is, that your
 Lordship come not presently, untill that
 the heate of Orenge's death bee cooled,
 for that bee doubtlesse as all they have layd
 your way, and so you should have greater
 labour & payne to passe them, then to re-
 maine under the printes protection. Al-
 so in respecte of so small assurance, I
 thinke it mee (for preventing what may
 happen) that you send me a protest to re-
 cover of his Maestie what which he hath
 promised you for this service. With a se-
 verall note under your hande, in what
 manner you will that this quantitie bee
 employed and divided: prescribing there-
 in howe much you allowe me for my
 paynes. For although my father as-
 sured mee of more then the above part,
 and that I was then contented therewith:
 yet now I say, in consideration of soe be-
 great deutes as the Maestie hath put
 upon me, that your Lordship muste not
 be contented with the fourth part: but of
 you he otherwise minded, you knowe that
 my father is a man which is not to be
 deceived.

To the printe of
 the Maestie

that I will procure him to be content wth
 what I thinke good, & therfore I beseech
 you let it so down in your perticular note
 & instruction, to the ende wee may con-
 clude vppon that whiche concerneth this
 matter. For that is the way to deale for
 satisfieng my father, besides that, so
 your selfe may be pleased, and he wil not
 faile in whatsoeuer occurrēce may happē
 about his Maiestie. In the meane time, I
 may God preserue you in such health as
 I do desire. I likewise put your Lordship
 in minde in the said instruction, to make
 perticular mention, that you would haue
 before the high alter in the Church of the
 town or village, of whēce he was, a tombe
 built of stone, in such forme & maner, as
 you or I shold appoint for y^e flater of him.
 It were also good in my opiniō, to build
 a perpetuall chantry of 2. chapleyngs. Al-
 so to buy for the yong mans father & mo-
 ther, or his nerest kinsman 3. or 400. buc-
 kets of rent for them ioyntly to enioy: &
 that they and their successors might bee
 Lordes of the sayde chantrie and tombe,

and thus

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Robert

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Now I say the Chamber hath procured
to learne of my Father who the young
man was, and of whence, therefore if they
shoulde also require to see the demonstra-
tion, that your Lordship maketh of your
affayres, it were meete you declared at
large, and discretely whatsoeuer concer-
neth the same. I said also that (if you
coulde) you shoulde procure the perfecte
picture of the saide young man to be sent
hither, which your Lordship may easely
doe considering the good nature wher-
ewith it hath pleased God to endue you
and so you shoulde satisfie manie that are
desirous to knowe him. My cousin Peter
gave mee warning that your Lordships
creditors determined to molest my Lady
your mother, purposing to take away her
goods for your debt. Also he had writ-
ten unto her, to sende some docket wher-
by to amaine this trouble, and so inconti-
nently I gave my father notice, halping
him with all speede to get forth two sce-
dules, which for this purpose, as also for
preferring you before all the creditors of
Peter Martinez of Arbalu, he had craued
of his Maiestie in your name: and that
wee

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shall procure to bee done; notwithstanding
 the king seeketh to delay for a
 few daies the ouerplus of suche gratifi-
 cation as he oweth you. Whereupon,
 as also concerning other articles; pre-
 sently vpon spunges of Orenge's death. I
 wrote a letter, the copie whereof I sente
 to your Lordshippe, and doe hope that
 you haue receaued it. For default wher-
 of I wil send another, to y^e end you may see
 in what goodwill and seruice I haue & do
 employ my selfe in your seruice: not that
 I deale any whit of my owne interest,
 but only of your Lordshippe and of your
 house, untill I haue by Gods helpe
 brought and set the cleare. I wote like-
 wise in my last, that because it had been
 capitulated, I say, by wordes concluded
 with the king, that the billes of
 80000. shoulde bee dispatched in my
 name, it were good for the accomplish-
 ing thereof, that the sayde Instruction
 which I require were sent me, to y^e end I
 might worde by worde, accomplish it ac-
 cording as your lordship shoulde appoint.
 And I saide vnto you that
 it was requisite to haue the
 order

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This writte
in Cyphers.

Order that had obserued, and
hee in the same, untill
wee vnderstoode howe they had taken
in the estates and
other parties: and I immediatly aduer-
tizied my father that it could not be, as ha-
ving shewed the letter which
writte to him and to sundry other, the
diuers copies disagreeing, together with
that which writ to Peter Lopes,
are dispersed in this court, but all might
be excused if there were any order taken.

Whoebeit presuppose the aforesaid
so to bee, yet I writte to my father that
if it pleased to publishe me
to haue been the partie that had giuen
the I woulde
with all my heart to do him seruice do it:
but I knowe not what resolution they
will take.

This I thought good to imparte
vnto you, that you might vnderstande
it. There is a naughtie man in this
Towne, who with excessive libertie
in my absence, hath medled in your Lord-
ships affaires. Especially one day a-
mong the rest, in the presence of Ladye
Fraun-

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Francis of Araxia who is beere, who
also (as shee is not troubled with
the pyppe;) paide him home agayne
presently: in such wise, as they had
gonetogether by the eares, had none
of the Kinges Secretaries wifes: in
whose presence this argument begonne.
stepped betwene them. All was about
Drenghes death, &c. And the same ho-
nest man coulde a verie friende of myne
but yesterday, that hee knewe by some
offence, that he was
in the disgrace of. for certaine
causes whiche there were not to be spo-
ken of, of him and his affayres, whiche
when hee coulde not beare he sayde,
By the habitte of Saint Peter and
Paule, if I coulde catche him, hee shoulde
pay mee.

This likewise I thought good to cer-
tifie your Lo. to the ende, If this bee a-
misse, wee might deale warily with this
man. But if it bee otherwise, and wee
may knowe that this wretche hath inuen-
ted it, as he hath done other things, also
that you be sure, that neither by word nor
wri-

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Writing you haue not saide any thing a-
gainst the ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~then~~ ^{then} that
you consider whether it were good that
you writ one letter vnto him; also that y^e
prince writ him another, so certifie him y^e
you are his faithfull seruant; and there,
in your L^o. may say, that this hath bin
published and giuen out, by reason of
some displeasure contended against

nature of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~for~~ ^{for} that
is the cause why I tell you this wretches
name, and no other: for now it is no time
to make enemies, especially if heerein
this man hath reported the truth.

Send me worde whether you made
any Bargaine with the Spanisher: for
this wretch here saith, that he was a cut-
lets sonne of Bilbao, and that hee will
cause his father to repayze to the king,
for the rewarde which his Maestie by
his last edict offered to him that should
slay Orenge. In case he should haue au-
dience, they might bring our pretence in
question. This is the cause why I speak:
but if your L^o. would presently let me
vnderstand, who or of whence this young
man was, wee would enter acquaint-
saunce,

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saunce with his father and mother, or
his highest kindred, and so compounde
with them that they shoulde not disturbe
or hinder your Lo. rewarde. And ad-
mitte they can not haue it, yet will they
still trouble vs. For although the king
woulde not doe as I say, yet might hee
commaunde your Lordshippe to giue the
youngmans father, or neerest kinsman,
part of that belongeth to you. Your Lord-
shippe must therefore well consider here-
of and sende me worde of your minde, to
the ende, by good counsaile, we may or-
der this matter, which is of so great im-
portance.

By reason of the pleasure that the reue-
rent father Peter of Olave hath done in
helping me in so fitte a time vnto 200.
crownes, I trust God willing, this day
seuennight to depart homeward toward
my house, where your worshippe may
write to mee and commaunde mee. Also,
if your habilitie coulde beare it, to helpe
mee as I haue requested, with 500. Duc-
kets, toward þ reparations of my house,
your worshippe might greatly binde me
to your seruice: but if you doe it not, I
will

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will impute it to your want.

This commendeth my selfe to Sir Olave, I will ad no more, but that I send this by meanes of the Lorde embassadoy John Babilista Tassos, whom I beseeche carefully to send it to Sir Olave. I also pray your worship, to let me vnderstand of your receipt hereof, whose noble parson and estate, our Lorde God keepe and preserve as I desire.

From Madrill this last of Aprill,
1582.

The superscription was.

To the noble L. Iasper of Anastro,
my L.&c. at Turney.

To the general paymaster of the P. of Parma his armie.

Noble Lorde, I haue receiued your letter, dated the 18. of Februarie, which notwithstanding, it lay aboue two moneths by the way, yet came in so good time, that together with y^e supply of 200. crownes to you sent me thereto, I hope goodwillig with these 8. daies to go home to my house, where God willing you shal alwayes finde mee readye at your commaunde,

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monde, as also hereafter where euer I
bee, euen to the death. And because you
haue, and still do deale so earnestly in my
affaires, notwithstanding, you haue assig-
ned these 200. crownes, together with
the other 300. vppon Hierome of Sala-
manca, I will deliuer them to whomsoe-
uer you shall appoint as speedily and di-
ligently as reason requireth, for I will
stake no longer then vntill the first op-
portunitie.

Concerning the estate of Arcauty his
businessse. I assure you (as peradventure
you haue hearde) although he lay at Paris
vnder the name of his Maiesties factor,
yet had his highnesse taken expresse order
that no money should come to his hands:
but be altogether deliuered to Isuard Ca-
pello, and after to Elias and Simon Cal-
uia, which was presently perfourmed in
such wise as Arcauty was not bounde to
any accompt of mony by him receiued.
But he tooke order in his great discompt
of 36300. crownes. whereof he had gi-
ue bills of exchange vnto such marchants
as he had dealt w, notwithstanding, there
came neuer a peny into his handes, as I
said

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said, but to Capello & Calcia, to neuertheless was very indiscreetly done of his highnesse in respect of Arcanty: for it was a very absurd matter, to deliuer letters of exchange for that money that neuer came to his handes, althoughe it fell out well.

And if after giuing vp of that accompt, hee had gone home to his owne house, as he purposed when he came hither, he had not bin at that point that now he is at.

But he stayed in this Court almost 2. yeeres; onely to cleare him selfe of the chest of 28000. crownes, which he saith Alphonse Curiel hath committed, from his Maestie, arising of two Commissions of 35000. crownes: for when hee had hers receiued them out of the Chest with the keys, he disboursed not thereabout 22000. So that when the factor, who is Curiels kinsman, or at the leaste his very friende, came to be chiefe of the Counsell of accompts in Flaunders, he did so informe him, as well by worde of mouth, as also by certayne the writings of Ihuarde Capell, Arcantyes enemye, that he made him beleue, that Arcanty ought the saide 28000 crownes, so that
thus

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Without farther ado, they haue brought him to that estate he is now in. But the receiuer is scaped out of thei hands, as he who gat the licenciat chumacero his marchies counsayler, who is the visiter of the counsell of Demaynes & other the Kinge his officers to be the iudge of his cause: but when the factor and his commissioners perceined that all they went about, was finally to the purpose, they woulde not directly charge the sayd Armaty, but did, and still do greatly molest him. Howebeit, it is sayde that Chumacero will soone ende this matter, and that the affection of these Judges will soone be spied. Of whom the one is Alonso Garner, who hath playde him the worst tricke of frindshippe that any man coulde as if him selfe had liued *some crime*. In this estate doe the receiuers assayes now stande.

Where you desire to knowe whether bringinge instructions from the generall receiuers, hee might bouldly come to giue by his accomptes: I say he may, so that the sayde instructions be effectually also that there be set downe both the re-
ceptis

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cepts and disbourlings of the money. By this meanes, together with bringing money for your expences, you may easily stoppe that gappe for the King alloth neyther wages nor any other thing unto the Lo. of Vncera, who stayeth here about giuing bype of Lexaldi the receiuers accompts and his owne, yea it is saide he will not giue him so much as a loafe of breade. I am therefore of opinion, that if you coulde get your accompt to be passed there, you should saue much, both money and labour: but if not, bee of good cheare, for by the meanes aforesayde you shall giue the phisition a sigge. Farther, so soone as God will giue mee leaue to gette to Victoria, I will immediatly sende you your predecessors relation, as curious and braue as you coulde wishe, for untill then I can not for the causes that aforesayde I haue shewed you. I am very glad of that you write concerning Bernarde of Isunca, as also the La. Mary his sister will be, to whom I haue sent the copie of your letter: for shee loueth him deere. God giue him that I wishe him.

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At his comming, I pray you salite
him from me, and will him to doe that he
shoulde me. Also that Lady Mary and her
sonne were in good health the 20. of this
present. I heare so much of the child, that
notwithstanding euery man affirmeth it,
yet I can not beleue it. God preserue
him to his seruice. Amen. The prou-
ider the 23. of this moneth, was in suche
health as my selfe stande in neede of, and
laboureth still to resigne his office vnto
me: but he cannot compasse it. He wil god-
willing, tarry still at home: some say his
Majestie will sende him into the Lowe
Countreys with the souldiers that shall
goe thither, to be their generall commis-
sarie: but I knowe he will not take it vp-
on him, vnlesse he helpe me to the other:
also that in case I haue it, hee will not re-
fuse any thing. But make not me autho-
r hereof. In the sayde letters of the 23.
it is sayde, that his Majestie departed the
19. out of Lisbone, to meete his sister the
Emperesse. Also that hee returneth the
tenth of May, wholy to receiue her.
Also that the great Prior is in the field,
with

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with whome there shall ioyne 8000. Castilian souldiers, 4000. Almaynes, and 800. Horses of the garde of Castile, and that with that campe hee shall goe to visite all the houldes and countreys betwene Oporto and Bayon in Callice.

The cause is sayde to bee so; that Don Anthony is in Fraunce, furnishing him selfe to come vpon vs, but I can not thinke that. But his Maiestie will stoppe him, and so hee may make a fayre hande with these people. If hee were heere, though it seeme vnpossible, yet manye woulde be very glad. From Guipulcoa there came to him 18. shippes gallantly furnished with aboue 1500. Harriners, I wot not what to say of it: and althogh here were a voice of late that when the Emperesse was comen into Portingale his maiesty would goe to Castile, yet now is there no more speache: whereupon wee may gather that vntill he seeth the end of this frenche dealing, hee will not out of this realme. It is said that within these few dayes the great Chapleyn of Portingall was in hande with him in the behalfe of the Realme. And that

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but although his Maestie did them
great honor in bringing his sister to go-
uerne them, yet should they greatly com-
plaine of his departure, like now he
knowe both the estate, qualitie and go-
uernours of the kingdome. But the
understanding whereas the Chapleyn
leueled, made him this answer, By know-
ing mee to haue beene so great af-
fayres, would not but come to see mee.

Thus the Chapleyn could not under-
stand his purpose: so great is his Ma-
iesties discretion.

A while since, one Antony Guttierrez,
paynt to 6000. crownes rent in this
countie, was slayne by night, and there-
fore a nere kinsman of the Admirall of
Leon, was caried to prison. They set him
out of the Church, and the prouostes of
the court (comming thither) apprehended
him, whether by right or wrong, and tor-
mented him cruely, euen to the vnkne-
wing of his ioyntes: which the Admirall
is grieved at, and complayneth of the of-
fices of Justice, in that the Gentleman
being his kinsman and of suche calling,
they had racked him, and therefore besee

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great wordes agaynst the president of Castille: whereupon his Maiestie commanded to take him prisoner, so as he is prisoner in his owne house, and his eldest sonne, the Earle of Melgar is caried to prison to Alameda, in the countie of Varras, because (as the speech goeth) hee is thought author of this murder.

The Marquize of Pennasie, heire to the Duke of Osuna Viceroy of Naples, coming hither a while since with a woman, who was saide to be his louer, they haue taken away the woman, & committed him as prisoner to his owne house.

Thus these three Lords remaine in the state of meane Gentlemen. Also by reason of some folly committed in the Monasterie of the Dechausses, whiche is in this towne, about the holy weeke shall bee a twelue moneth. The Earle of Castaneda, Don Lewes of Cordoua, who ought to be the Duke of and Marquize of Comarez: Don Anthony Manricqz sonne of Don Iohn Manricqz: Don Peter Vanegas and others, are banished the court. Don Henry Mendez, brother to the Duke of Infantado is likewise banished
then

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See for another trifle: besides for the former matter of the Dechausses, the prince of Ascoli was almost a whole yere in exile. Thus may you see what K. Philip can do, even in his absence. God preserve him. I haue no satisfaction in that which particularly toucheth Annaastro for his assurance, only that you keepe him there with you. Which God graunt it be so. I will preserve you in such state as I doe desire.

From Madrill this last of Apryl.

1582.

Noble Lo. B. L. M. A. V. M.

Your seruant. *Isaues.*

The superscription was.

To the noble L. Peter of Olaue, my very good L. High tresorer of the happy armie, which the Catholike Majesty maintayneth in his estate of Flaunders. &c.

At Turnay.

Letters of Frauncis

Guillam.

To y^e prince
of Parma.

Most noble L. With the copie of my
former writing vnto you is here
vnto adioyned, I will certifie you onely
of what haue since happened me. The
Abbot of Saint Vaz arriving here the
16. of this present, did deliuer mee that
which your highnesse wrote mee the 27.
of Februarie. Also whiles very earnestly
wee waited for newes from your high-
nesse, there arrived yesterday a post here,
by whom I receiued the letters which it
pleased you to sende the 16. of this mo-
neth, wherewith I will make a short an-
swere, because the poste of Italy by whom
I alwayes write, is this day to be dispat-
ched. Cardinall Granuelle entertay-
ned the sayde Abbot at his house where-
in I assisted him vntill hee departed to-
ward his Palace, whiche was the 20.
of this moneth: I shewed him what your
highnesse wrote vnto mee: also howe he
shoulde behaue him selfe: wherein I
will not there saye him. I desired him to
keepe vnderstand if there were any thing
where

which I might do him any pleasure. I
 will also to D. Iohn of Idiaz how care-
 nelly he had trauayled to bring y^e estates
 to this resolutioⁿ y^e they haue taken. Also
 that it were good y^e his maiestie lette him
 vnderstand that your highnes informed
 him of the whole, with what so euer
 els I thought meete. Concerning the re-
 turne of the souldiers that are departed
 out of these estates, also of the Italian
 that are to goe with them, I can say no-
 thing: onely I was glad to vnderstand
 that his Maiestie hath nominated suche
 Captaynes ouer them to guide them, as
 your highnesse doeth so well like of, and
 as is meete for his Royall seruice, and I
 assure thy selfe, hee will so deale in your
 highnesse behalfe, by reason of the great
 loue he beareth you.

That which now me seemeth the best,
 is the furniture of coppe, and surely if I
 coulde doe anye more then put him in
 minde thereof, your highnesse should not
 desire it more. But I haue done that, and
 doe it still, yea and dayly will vpon euery
 opportunitie, considering howe euident
 it is, that your highnesse can doe nothing

without that substance. Upon which
occasion, together with that I sayde be-
fore, Maldonado shall come and serue
your highnesse. Don Iohn of Idiagui
hath answered my letters, the copy wher-
of I haue sent herevnto adioyned. I haue
put both of them in minde, and will ad-
uertise your highnes of their resolution.
The Cardinall shewed mee howe desir-
ous hee was of this resolution: Also
hawe often hee had propounded it, wil-
ling mee to doe the like. I suppose that
the ordinarie prouision that is to be
made, dependeth vndoubtedly vpon the
president of the Tresurie: for I haue tal-
ked with him, and he maketh mee no an-
swere to the purpose. But such this is
ordered by the way of estate, it is no mar-
uell.

Of Madams healeth and recouerie,
all wee your highnes seruantes are ve-
rye glad, and reason. The contrarie
whereof we doe feele, in that the French
haue opportunitie to try that they do, and
to bring all into triall, but I hope in God
that in the ende, by meanes of such order
and forecast as your highnesse will in all
places

possible, they shall reape no fruite of
their purposes.

We haue of late dayes greatly wish-
ed for letters from your highnesse, to re-
solue the doubt conceined of the death of
Orange, the newes being here so diuers,
as well from Paris as Antwerpe. All
wise men thinke him dead, and so we are
to beleue, although it be strange, y your
highnesse cannot fully verifie it. There
came newes from Lisbon, that hee was
in extremities, and here it was sayng that
he was dead. But his fautors haue concea-
led it a fewe dayes, whyle they took or-
der in their doing affaires.

I will write vnto Velasques of Mina-
ra, who is of his Maiesties chamber, con-
cerning the good you haue done him, and
doe still wishe to doe, neither can it bee
but many will like well of it, that your
highnes are so willing to fauour & plea-
sure his Maiesties seruantes, especially
such as are so neere his royall person.

I doe infinitely thanke your highnes
for the pleasure it pleased your highnesse
to shew mee, in thanking his Maiestie,
and honouring his seruantes. The great

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good will you beare mee, together with
whatsoever I am or may bee, I will con-
fesse to depende of your highnes, and will
wholy employ my self, euen to the death,
in your seruice. I hope by your fauor-
able assistance at all times, I shall be
able to doe it, and I pray God I may re-
quite it.

The liberty and commoditie that your
highnesse haue giuen mee to distribute
among sundry persons, to the yeerely va-
lue of two or three hundred crownes,
as my selfe shall thinke good, was very
conformable to your highnesse most
noble seruice. I thank you for this fa-
uour, and will beware of exceeding far-
ther then neede shall require: and all
that I may reserve in this expence I will,
as one that herein doe not pretende to
by other then your highnesse seruice.
Certaynely it shall bee to make demon-
stration of that which your highnes meaneth
to haue done with Foneq, Lallo, and So-
ballian of Santoyo.

In Francis of Humaras behalfe I
will be all diligence, as your highnes hath
commaunded, towards those officers that

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the letters in his commendation.
Cruely hee deserveth all the fauour that
you shewe him, and it were meet his Ma-
iestie should resolute vpon that he preten-
deth. Hee is heere, and hauing shewed
him your highnes desire to do him good,
also that you wished his seruice, to the
ende in the campe as also in all other oc-
cassions, to haue the better opportunitie
to gratifie him, hee is fully resolved to
come and serue your highnesse, for he ta-
keth him selfe as earnest a seruaunte
to your highnes as any other, and not re-
flecting any pretences or benefites that
here hee might reape, and assuring him
self of such fauour, as your highnes haue
and will shewe him: hee mindeth to take
order to depart with the first Gallies. He
had neede leaue some prouision of money
with his mother, but for that, and any o-
ther thing needefull for his iourney, hee
will seeke the best remedy hee may. It
may please your highnes to write to don
Sanctius of Padilla, so to accomodate him
thitherward, that he may passe with those
that shall set first forwarde: also to whom-
soeuer shall haue charge of him, to vse
him

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him as your highnesse seruaint, and according to his profession: for his goodwill to serue your highnesse doeth deserue it.

I heare that Don Bernardino of Mendoza who is in England, hath written to his Maiestie, and complaiweth that your highnesse doe keepe no correspondence with him, as that since August last, when you wrote of the successe of Turnay, he hath not had any letters from you, notwithstanding hee hath sent you sundry postes. I graunt many are lost, neuer thelesse among so many some shoulde come safe. I thought good to certifie your highnes hereof, because many thinke it strange there shoulde bee so small familiaritie. Our Lord preserue your highnesse noble person, with the encrease of long life, and such honor as all your seruants do desire and stand in neede of.

From Madril this 30. of Aprill.
1582.

Most noble Lorde, your highnesse
hum.

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**humble seruante who salutech
you. Francis Guillamar.**

The superscription was,

**To the most noble Lorde, the prince
of Parma, &c. my verye good
Lorde,**

These two letters ensuing,
which were sent from the Ile of
Tercera, being come to our handes,
wee woulde not defraude the
reader therof.

**The copie of the letters which the K. of
Castile writ vnto Ciprian of Figuei-
redo Vasconcellos, by Iasper Ho-
mem, who came to the towne of
Praya the 7. of March. 1582.**

D. Cyprian of Figueiredo, I the K.
doe salute you, stedfastly beleeuing
that you will perfourme what euer you
are bounde vnto for my seruice, and the
bene.

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benefite of this Ile, as also of any thing
perticularly touching your selfe, I
thought good to commend vnto you
that trust which I repose in you, also to
write vnto you, that behauing your selfe,
(as I will beleue you will) I will not
onely forgive all former offences, but al-
so shall be glad to recompence the service
that herein I hope for of you, to the ende,
the great damage of this Ile, and the in-
habitauntes thereof, proceeding of suche
preparatiues of souldiers, shippes, and
munition as I haue commaunded to
prouide, as the bringer of this my letter
may more at large declare vnto you, may
be stayed and excused.

Written at Lisbone the 14. of De-
cember. 1582.

The King.

The superscription was.

By the king. To D. Cyprian of Fignei
redo.

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This letter together with another from Don Christopher of Moura, and two from Ambrose of Aguiar, governor of the Ile of S. Michel for Castille, and one from Don Peter, Bishop of Castille, the sayde Cyprian of Figueiredo would not open, but sent them from the Towne of Praya with others to Don Michel de Silva, Earle of Torres Vedras to the Citie of Angera, who likewise would not open them: and thereupon the sayde Cyprian of Figueiredo, referred them to the earle, who at his instance, they both being together, did finally breake them up: and then he desired him, to send them to the kings spouse, viz. Don Antonio.

The answer to the former letter which Ciprian of Figueiredo Vascoconcellos, governor of the Iles to the vse of K. Don Anthony sent, to the K. of Castille, which the Earle of Torres Vedras sealed, when he had perused the same, and so sent them by the way of Saint Michels Ile.

I have perused your Dateless letter
which you sent me by Jasper Home:
wherein you say you cannot but think
that I will fulfill what ever I am bound
unto for your seruice, the benefite of this
Isle, and particularly for mine owne per-
son: woulde to God your maiestie knew
howe greatly your selfe are bound to the
most noble Infant Don Lewes, who with
his subiectes, alwaies assisted your father
the Emperoure in his warres, the woulde
you not attempte any thing agaynst the
Crown of Portingall, to the preiudice of
his sonne king Anthony, & so grieuously
offende our L. God, in the destruction of
our honoꝝ, life, & goodes, which you haue
procured: neyther woulde I, or any the
rest of the Portingales, his true subiects,
refuse to serue you as a Christian King,
and such a one as the Portingales nation
haue euer borne great goodwill vnto. For
as well in respect of the sayde duetie, as
also by reason of your kindred with the
King of Portingall, it becommeth not you
to desire that I should serue you as your
vassall, neyther will my duety heere that
I should serue you as your subiect.

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This yle together with the inhabi-
tantes thereof belong to king Antio-
ny, whom they are sworne as to their
king and naturall Lord, and that as well
in his right of succession, and free election
of the people of this kingdome, as also so,
that the citie & chamber of Lisbone might
knowe certayne reasons, together with
his right thereto, which I cannot shew
but your Maestie haue notice of.

Farther, although there were no other
cause but the only electio of the people of this
Realme, who for default of kings, are by
their decrees and ordinances to chuse y-
thers: yet was it enough, that your Maes-
tie entered the lande with an armie, the
controuerisie not being decided: for had
your title bin neuer so good, yet had you
therby utterly lost it. But I trust in god
the whole will retorne to such passe, as
your Maestie for the entoyling thereof,
will not damne your own soule, but that
it will in the ende fall agayne into the
right Lords dominion, notwithstanding,
he be now dispossessed thereof. Your Ma-
estie must not thinke me past shanie, but a
man damified, And I would to GOD

that all kings had in their counsels free
men, newtyde of ambicion, so shoulde not
our R. Don Anthony, haue fallen into
that estate, whereto great treasons haue
cast him headlong, neither your Maiestie
into the great danger of the losse of your
selfe, and subuersion of all Christiandom:
besides, if you be at the day of iudgement
to giue account of the honors, deahtes, &
pillages of so many men, and of their li-
bertie, you can not sufficiently repent &
make amendes for that is already passed.
If your maiestie woulde but thinke vpon
p^r houre of your death, together with the
evils that then will offer them selues to
your view, and remember that you are e-
uerlastingly to suffer the paynes whiche
you haue inflicted vpon the Portingalls
perceiving then howe neere the losse of
all is vnto you; Oh! howe woulde you
turne aside from all that is past: for at p^r
time it will bee before your eyes. Howe
much better had it bin for you, quietly to
haue remained in your own realme, to see
your vassals in peace, your selfe beloved
of all Christians, and obeyed of all your
Subiectes: for in respect of that you haue
done

in Portugal, not onely all Chyfti-
 as kings and princes, but also the very
 barbarous nations do mortally hate you.
 Consider howe many Innocents you
 have in your weapons murdered: thinke
 vpon the punishments of so many widows
 and maydes, burnings and lamentati-
 ons, as do cry to God for vengeance
 agaynst you. Remember how many wiues
 are separated from their husbands
 through forced adulteries: how many
 Churches are profaned, and religion dis-
 honored: also into what slaverye you have
 reduced the inhabitants of Portugall, for
 that of all this, and of more which you
 have caused, you shall giue account be-
 fore God, who will call you abroade with
 rigorous iustice, as that the whole hath
 been perpetrated in a realme which God
 hath loved above all others in the world.
 That which the inhabitants of this afflic-
 ted realme doe endure, is sufficient to let
 you know, that they which are out of this
 bondage and beaue yoke, do couer rather
 freely to dye in the warres, then to fall in-
 to such slaverye: neither will they otherwise
 comfort the inhabitants of this Ile, least

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I should both damne my soule, and my
honor should fall into lesse reputation the
notre it is in. For thereof I make suche
account, as I had rather lose all liues
that it were possible to enioy, then not to
continue loyal to my King to whom I
am bound. For to die well is perpetual
honor, for the preservation whereof, I haue
rather perished in loyalty, then feared the
preparatiues of people, shippes, and mu-
nition, whereunto your Honor hath com-
mitted me. For I haue such a confidence
in God, that he will fight for vs & our
ships. The like haue we in this Islande,
together with the fortresses, walles, and
trenches are ready for the munition: yea,
and many places opened, whereinto to
cast those people that shall come to seeke vs,
they are not to haue any pardon, by rea-
son of such malice as proceedeth of fol-
lowing them. Your Honor are not to
blame me, for I haue sworne to Sir Anto-
ny to defende this island to my life, and
L. And the like I would haue done for
you, in case I had bene Master there-
of, though not with so good a will. For it
is enough that he is King of Portugall.

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But if I shoulde through mishappe fall
alme into your bondage, & for doing my
duty, you shoulde put me to death, neither
the remembrance of my loyalty, neither
the fame of your crueltie and vniustice
would euer perish. I serue not Don An-
thony for any benefite, notwithstanding,
I may obayne more of him then of any
other K. But my loyalty consisteth in ful-
filling my duty, which causeth that such
rewardes as by other then the K. of Por-
tingall are promised, can no whit moue
me. For beyond my duty, there is no-
thing that can change my honor and loy-
tie, which I do more esteeme then all the
kingdomes in the worlde, whiche is the
same that enuegleth manie Gentlemen.

Our Lorde God guide your Maiestie
to your kingdome, and restore Portin-
gall to her right king and lord Don An-
thony, as all true and loyall Portugals
doe wishe.

From this noble Citie of Angera, in
Iesus Christes.

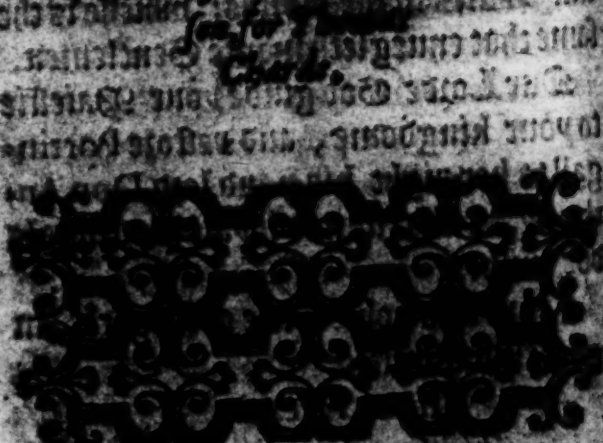
He of Tercera.

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To the K. of Castille from the gouer-
nour of the Asorian Iles,



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To the R. of Coll. from the Gener
non of the & Johan Dec.

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